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TO: The Individual Responsible for Preparing FFIEC 009 and 009a Country Exposure Reports

Forms and instructions for the quarterly Country Exposure Report (FFIEC 009) and its supplemental Country Exposure Information Report (FFIEC 009a) to be used for the December 31, 2005, report date can be found at http://www.ffiec.gov/ffiec_report_forms.htm. There are no changes to the report forms or instructions this quarter.

As you were advised by the Examination Council on November 3, 2005, the Agencies will implement changes to the FFIEC 009 report for the March 31, 2006, report date. Copies of the draft report forms and instructions can be obtained at the link provided above. In addition, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has scheduled a webcast presentation on the FFIEC 009 reporting changes for Thursday, February 16, 2006.

Completed FFIEC 009 and 009a reports for December 31, 2005, must be electronically submitted no later than Tuesday, February 14, 2006. Any reports received after February 14 will be considered late. In addition, the accuracy of the submitted reports will be monitored through the use of validity edits. The current edits for the FFIEC 009 and 009a reports are unchanged.

The User Guides and file format for Internet Electronic Submission (IESUB) via file transfer can be found at http://www.reportingandreserves.org/iesub.html. Users should note the "Save" feature available for use on the IESUB application. This feature allows data entry users to save data and print a copy of the report for review prior to submission to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Individual FFIEC 009 reports will be regarded as confidential. Neither the individual reports nor any aggregate data that may indicate the activities of individual institutions will be publicly disclosed. However, individual FFIEC 009a reports are published and made available on the FFIEC's public web site at http://www.ffiec.gov/E16.htm.

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